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Honorable William G. Bray
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Bray:

I just want to let you know how much I enjoyed our chat last week and particularly how grateful I am for the copy of your book, Russian Frontiers. I have been reading it with interest and admiration-- you have certainly pinpointed and documented some facts of life which I fear are all too frequently overlooked these days.

As I may have mentioned, I'm a sort of old Kremlinologist myself (have been off and on ever since my first visit to Russia in 1936 just when the purges were breaking). For some years I have done a bit of writing and lecturing on Soviet affairs, and particularly on a theme which perhaps parallels but doesn't duplicate the basic theme of your book. I have tried to analyze the Russian problem in terms of the old schizophrenia between East and West. Some years ago I worked up a lecture on this which I have given at War Colleges, etc., around town and on the chance that you might be interested in glancing over it I enclose a copy.

Incidentally, it looks like some significant things might be afoot in the Kremlin these days and we are trying to follow them closely. If we turn up anything sensational, I will be in touch with you. Meanwhile, please give me a call if you have any questions or if there is anything we can do for you.

Sincerely,

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